

"TO INSURE TO EVERY WORKER THE FULL PRODUCT OF HIS LABOR, AS NEARLY AS POSSIBLE, IS A WORTHY OBJECT OF ANY GOOD GOVERNMENT."—ABRAHAM LINCOLN

TO INSURE TO EVERY WORKER A JOB IS OUR IMMEDIATE OBJECT. HELP EMANCIPATE THE TOILERS FROM THE DREAD OF UNEMPLOYMENT! UNEMPLOYMENT DAY, FEBRUARY 12

OUR reply to the shots fired against the jobless in parade in Chicago should be a thousand mass meetings in as many cities throughout the nation.

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FORCE OPEN THE DOORS OF PLENTY!

REPLY TO HUNGER CRY IN NEW YORK IS COLD, FRANK, BRUTAL

By CHESTER M. WRIGHT
Editor Of The New York Call

If YOU are an unemployed man or woman in New York today you could stand outside of the impressive white municipal building and look up at the massive windows behind which city officials conduct ponderous affairs of state—you could look up at them just that way. And then you could walk away again. And as you walked away you would know that up there in the ease of roomy chairs and in the pure air of a well ventilated building the men elected to represent the city regard you as merely so much rubbish in the way of the Business Machine.

HALF MILLION ARE IDLE.

There are in New York City today a half million idle men. We say idle men, because that's all we can say. We don't know how many idle women there are. We don't know what portion of the half million is composed of men and what of women. We do know, as nearly as the figure can be known, that there are a half million workers who cannot get work.

The oldest inhabitant does not know of a time when there were more unemployed. And the most cynical cannot deliver more brutal drift to those who come seeking work than has gone out from the city administration that the people elected on a program of reform and uplift.

"New York City is not responsible for unemployment," said Controller William A. Prudential, the "brain" of the administration, speaking to a committee that had come to plead for the unemployed, "and we cannot adopt such a view of the city's responsibility. It is not a question of funds. The money market today is such that the city can get all the funds it wants for all the work it has to do. But we do not belong to your school of dependence. If we do we would surely be doing the things which you are urging us to undertake."

There it is cold, frank, brutal. New York's city officials TOLD adopt measures that would end the unemployment problem. THEY KNOW IT AND ADMIT IT. And the only reason they give for not doing it is that THEY ARE CAPITALISTS AND NOT SOCIALISTS.

New York's unemployment situation is tragic and terrible. But the officials are unmoved. They are not in office to represent the workers. They know who they are in office to represent.

MASS FORCES FEB. 12.

But New York's workers are looking ahead to Lincoln's Birthday, Feb. 12. New York's workers are thinking about massing their forces in a great demonstration on that day. And just now there is much talk of making this a great demonstration of dignified, silent protest. Just a slow, voiceless march, with no sound and with no banners. Just humanity, as it is, speechless, but possessed of a mighty, unused power—a power that nobody can estimate and that may spring into action, none knows when.

And the police—those guardians of property! They are worrying in these days of great stress. With the hunger desperation in thousands of faces the police are alert and under orders from Mayor Mitchel to "use your clubs" whenever they are "needed." Stupid police officials will tell you if you go and ask them, that there is no increase in crime, or that at any rate, they have no figures about it. But almost every day the newspapers chronicle suicides "because of unemployment" and robberies committed by hungry men.

And through the center of this great concentration camp of misery runs a constant stream of food—the wealth of the nation; the product of its toilers. Ship after ship sails away out of the harbor, past the great green Statue of Liberty, on to Europe. And these great ships carry the grain of our prairies, the flour of our mills, the writings of our factories—factories in which the workers of the land have toiled, but the products of which have been taken away. Gaunt stevedores watch these great ships ride out over the waves and back of the hungering eyes of them there seems to swell up the rising tide of discontent and revolt.

HAVE RIGHT TO WORK.

Cadodes! Brother workers! THIS MUST STOP! We have a right to work. We have a right to food for ourselves, for our wives and little ones. WE HAVE THIS RIGHT. AND WE MUST COMMAND RESPECT FOR IT!

Nothing that is in our power to do can bring us the respect for that right more than a great NATIONAL DEMONSTRATION on the anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's birth—February 12. Let us mass our strength in every city of the land. Let me not ask if we have the right to speak. WE HAVE NO RIGHT TO BE SILENT!

Gather on this day, men and women, EVERY WHERE! We will be beaten down until we rise. NOW THE MISERY OF MILLIONS BIDS US RISE IN THE COMMON CAUSE!

We are the workers. Without us as good thing made. LET US RISE IN OUR COLLECTIVE NIGHT. DEMANDING FOR ALL THE RIGHTS OF ALL!

"It is a splendid move," declares James H. Maurer, Pennsylvania's, in a speech of newspaper reporters of a noticeable change in the protracted coal strike in the eastern part of the state.

Oklahoma Socialists in state convention adopted uncompromising resolutions opposing war, not only as it concerns other countries, but as it concerns America.

Socialist City Councilman Fred C. Wheeler in Los Angeles is fighting against the proposed increase of the city's police force by the action of its patrons.

Resolutions were adopted by the Oklahoma state convention extending sympathy and cooperation to the Socialists waging a free speech fight at Tulsa in that state.

Indiana Socialists have organized a Labor Lyceum League as a start toward erecting a home of their own.

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AMERICA'S storehouses overflow with the hugest crops in history. But the doors are locked and barred to the workers who produced and harvested these crops. This food is being rushed across the world to keep alive the death seeking hosts of Europe, giving them the strength to continue their bloody madness. FORCE OPEN THE DOORS OF PLENTY! GIVE ALL THAT HUNGER THE FOOD THEIR TOIL HAS PRODUCED! HOW? JOIN THE SOCIALIST DEMAND THAT UNEMPLOYMENT BE ENDED, THAT THE WAR BE STARVED, THAT AMERICA BE FED!

STARVE WAR! FEED AMERICA!

HERE is the set of resolutions that is being sent to the 31 Socialist state legislators in 23 states to be introduced into and fought for in these lawmaking bodies. If the governments of Europe did right in seizing the stores of food and money, sources of credit, railroads and telegraph to help the war, certainly this government is justified in taking similar measures to stop the war and save lives at home. This must be done:

WHEREAS, the prices of wheat, flour and bread, not to mention other necessities of life, are rapidly rising, owing to the huge and unbroken shipments of food products from our shores to the war stricken countries of Europe; and

WHEREAS, even the United States, with the largest wheat crop of any nation in history, standing dominant as "the granary of the world," cannot longer stand the strain of gigantic wheat exports to Europe without itself feeling impoverished, according to a statement made by E. W. Stow, International wheat statistician;

WHEREAS, the money and food lords of America are using every opportunity possible to profit by the near-famine at home and the slaughter in Europe by increasing the cost of food; and

WHEREAS, to curb the war in Europe and to curb the monopolists in this country, also to keep this nation from being drawn into the conflict, two things must be done:

1. We must starve the war by cutting off supplies.

2. We must feed our own people by making the members of the armed forces

WHEREAS, in order to bring this about, we must stop the shipping of all supplies into the war zone, not a penny for loans, not an ounce of food should leave these shores to prolong this terrible shedding of blood; and

WHEREAS, this is the only honest and complete neutrality. In no other way can we be sure of keeping this independence of that hateful whip手.

WHEREAS, bread and meat and money are as necessary as men and guns and bullets for the killing of men in war. Keeping food and cash here will save lives on both sides of the Atlantic; and

WHEREAS, to carry on the war and to continue the wholesale slaughter, the governments of Europe have seized the stores of food and money, sources of credit, railroads and telegraphs; certainly this government is justified in taking similar measures to stop the war and to save lives at home; Therefore, be it

RESOLVED, by the legislatures of Wisconsin, Illinois, Oklahoma, California, Minnesota, Pennsylvania, Montana, Kansas, Utah, Idaho, Nevada and Massachusetts, that the President and the Congress of the United States are hereby respectfully and urgently petitioned by this body, in behalf of the peoples of these states and of the nation as a whole, that the government shall at once seize the stores of food supplies; and be it further

RESOLVED, that we urge the national government to at once seize the stores of food supplies, the sources of credit, the railroads, and all means of transportation and communication and use them to break the grip of trusts and speculators; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the national government seize the packing plants, the cold storage houses, the grain elevators and flour mills, and all else necessary to supply the food of the nation and operate them for the good of all, and belt further resolved, that Congress prohibit the shipping to the war zone of any article that will help to keep the warring armies at their murderous work, and furthermore forbid the lending of money to any government that has plunged its subjects into war.

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TALE OF TWO CITIES

IT HAPPENED just beneath the windows of The American Socialist and the national office of the Socialist Party in Halsted Street, Chicago.

On the quiet of a Sabbath afternoon, the legalized thugs of Chicago's police department turned loose their guns on a helpless, unarmed parade of the unemployed, who were protesting in their near-neutrality against the system that is crushing them.

For such as these the city government had nothing but cold steel and the sharp shod hoofs of well fed horses mounted by merciless brutes armed with guns and bludgeons.

How this jobless parade was broken and crushed, practically at the door step of the national headquarters of the American Socialist movement is told on this page by Irwin Tucker, who was among those arrested and thrown into a vile cell, in the "black hole" of Chicago's west side.

Then there is Chester M. Wright's story telling of another way capitalism in New York City is fighting the unemployed—not the unemployment problem.

Here you can read how capitalism on the throne in the two largest cities of the nation continues its bold career of crushing humanity in its pursuit of profits.

Here is a "Tale of Two Cities" that ought to boil the blood of every liberty loving man in the land.

In the meantime the national government still permits the shipment of food products to the warring countries of Europe. Food prices continue to mount higher than ever. The only remedy that the national democratic administration, headed by President Wilson, has to offer, is another "investigation."

IN OKLAHOMA'S LEGISLATURE

Here is what the Sacramento Bee has to say about the two Socialists in the California State legislature under the heading, "Socialist World Circuit Judiciary":

George W. Downing and Lewis A. Spangler, both Socialists from Los Angeles, held a little informal caucus of their own yesterday and decided not to sit tight in their Socialist seats and devote their time to the business of lawmaking.

Downing, who was the informal spokesman of the caucus, acted as spokesman with Spangler. Interrogated word or two of explanation now and then. In telling of some of the things they will endeavor to bring about in this session as Assemblymen,

World Solve Unemployment.

The solving of the unemployment problem by the State is the first thing to be done, according to Downing.

They will follow an attempt through legislation to take from the Courts of the State the power to determine the constitutionality or unconstitutionality of any law enacted by the Legislature.

People to Decide.

This proposal, while not whipped into shape, it will appear in the Assembly, will be drafted after some of the following suggestions are made:

When the constitutionality of a measure, not already passed upon by the People comes up it shall be submitted to the voters for decision if the citizens of the State by a majority vote declare for the measure as it stands.

Another suggestion is to take from the Courts the power to declare a law, or any part thereof, unconstitutional following the plan of the English law enacted by Parliament, which cannot be attacked on their constitutionality.

The Oklahoma Socialist legislators are going after the state constitution. The provision giving the governor the veto power would be repealed under provisions of a house joint resolution introduced by Socialist Representatives Hill and Ingman.

A second proposed constitutional amendment was introduced by Representatives Pritchett and McElroy, extending the right of suffrage to women.

Milwaukee Socialists are planning to celebrate Unemployment Day to Lincoln's birthday, Feb. 12.

OUR UNEMPLOYMENT SPECIAL

THE BIG Unemployment Day movement is under way. It is gaining in volume every day. The workers of the nation, employed and jobless, are responding to the plea to mass their forces in every city of the land on Lincoln's Birthday, Friday, Feb. 12.

This day would not be complete without an "Unemployment Special" by The American Socialist. We want to make it the biggest edition yet of The American Socialist. We want to make it equal to the big crisis that now confronts the nation.

This edition will be No. 119 and will contain the best cartoons, the most revealing articles and the most stirring facts on the Unemployment problem. Send in your order now by filling out the following blank

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State City

NOTE.—For Bundle rates in Cook County see The Chicago Section

THE two Socialists in the Minnesota legislature deadlocked that day by refusing to vote for non-Socialist candidates for speaker.

James W. Woodfill, Minnesota Socialist legislator from Two Harbors, is a locomotive engineer by practice and a farmer by diversion.

Five Socialist members of the Minnesota Duma are to be court-martialed

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NEWS OF THE WEEK

Here in all the week's news work
will be done down to the bone to
keep fighting for Socialists, they do
not have time to read the daily cap-
italist press.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 12.

Shots, Belmont, Vandenberg, and 10
others, blinded by coroner's jury for
days, in accident on New York City
street.

Turkey accedes to the demand of Italy
that it make reparation for its military
attack on the Italian fleet.

Voting for the first time in its history
upon the suffrage question, the house of
representatives rejected the bill to extend
the franchise to colored and disfranchised
women. Vote, 20, to 174.

Mary department awards contracts to
builders of houses, one of them to be
the largest in the world.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13.

Count Leopold von Berchtold, the Au-
stro-Hungarian minister of foreign affairs
who was to Russia precipitated the
war.

All central Italy is shaken by earth-
quake shock. In Rome itself the quake
was the most severe in history.

American agents will give no aid
to Chicago packers with reference to that
cargoes detained in British ports.

Government's investigation of al-
leged German frauds said to have re-
sulted in the election of "Uncle Joe"
Ganster at Danville, Ill., to congress.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 14.

French advance on East Prussia from
front. Germans gain ground on front
before Warsaw.

Death of dead in Italy's quake put
at 50,000.

Both houses of Alabama state legisla-
ture pass bill to enforce prohibition in
state at once.

Cotton exports became almost normal
during December.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 15.

Germany sends army to invade Paris.
Germany, Austria, Carranza against con-
federation of foreign owned oil wells at
Tangier.

Cold fire, hunger and disease follow in
wake of Italian quake.

See three-cornered fight in house at
Vienna between sympathizers with
Germans and allies, and those who
condemn both classes of partisans.

"DAY, JANUARY 16.

French advance on French submis-
sion seeking to seize Dardanelles.

Snow begins to fall in Italian quake

area adding to misery.

Shortened winter causes anti-German
riots in Vienna, Austria.

Wind of Sweden pleads for increase of
military forces.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 17.

Russian storm in southern Carpathian
pass and leap into Austrian province of
Transylvania.

Gen. Enrique Gonzales Garza named
provisional president of Mexico by con-
vention at Mexico City over whom he
presided.

Lausanne, French Socialist daily,

estimated damage done by war to French
industry at \$6,000,000,000.

Congressmen found among 148 Wash-
ingtonians in red, charged with
betting on race.

MONDAY, JANUARY 18.

U. S. Senate blocks stamp to vote
District of Columbia to vote.

Day laborers in Parks find 9,000
dead in woods.

U. S. Industrial Commission at New
York told Wall Street is to blame for in-
dustrial strike.

Pope in new decree sets two more days
for special services and prayers for peace.

OUR 1914 VOTE.

The Socialist vote at the con-
gressional elections last November
totaled a little more than 600,000.

The estimated total falls just a
little short of the total vote of
600,621 cast at the congressional
elections of 1910. The vote in de-
tail for each state is given in the
Information Department in this
issue of *The American Socialist*.

While the returns from only 27
states are official, and while an
estimate had to be made for six
states, the result may be accepted
as practically correct. This of
course does not allow for the fact
that many Socialist votes were
never counted. But this condition
prevailed in previous elections and
will continue to prevail until the
Socialist Party becomes strong
enough to force a count of all the
ballots cast for it.

The 1914 congressional elections
were featured by a general dispair
that swept the entire country. This
grew out of the terrible carnage
that arose practically over night and
left its bloody hand over nearly all
of Europe. It was augmented by
the terrifying prospects of meeting
another winter accompanied by a
growing industrial depression.

This resulted in a much decreased
vote and a reactionary political
wave that obliterated the progressive
party, robbed the democratic
party of much of its power, and
stamped a return to the dis-
pearing republican ranks.

It is therefore no idle explanation
to claim that the Socialist Party
did well to poll more than 600,000
votes in the face of this reaction,
and a big falling off in the total
vote. In many states where there
were no Socialists the Socialist vote
this year was bigger proportionately
than in 1910.

As a result of this reaction the
Socialist Party is again represented
in Congress and increased the num-
ber of its members in the state leg-
islatures 50 per cent. While the in-
dustrial depression has also result-
ed in a temporary decrease in the
dues paying membership, the party
is in a better financial condition
than it has been for a long time.
The party membership is united
and facing the future and preparing
for the 1916 presidential campaign
with an eager enthusiasm.

On every hand the desire is to
start the campaign now that will
result in the doubling of our vote
in 1916, that will send a large delega-
tion of working class representatives
to the national congress and increase
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Shots At The Enemy

By DUNCAN H. SMITH

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to our great authorities, the fire-
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To walk the chilly few streets,
To locate neither job nor home,
Get gruff commands from the police,
And have the same thing every day—
It is hell, and such, they say.
That was it.

THE EMPEROR of Germany is
railing black breed while the spot-
light is on him but he isn't jump-
ing out of the bushes on a coin
morning and leading any of the
forlorn hope charges.

BY THOSE WHO know that the Socialists are not in a majority in
any national representative body in the world.
By turns, we see that the Socialists have less than one-third of the
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By those who in past times have labored to show that the Reichstag
is without power, and that even if the Socialists controlled it they would
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By those bourgeois anti-militarists who have always ignored or min-
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By those who know that the war was burried on by the ruling powers
faster than any human agency could organize to resist it.

By those so soft and timid that they shrink from a policeman and who
yet declare that the Socialists in Europe should have stood up to be shot
rather than go to war.

By those who shout for Old Glory but who denounce the nationalism
of other men.

BY THOSE WHO themselves nurse the pride and prejudice of race
feeling but who censure it in men of other races.

By so-called Socialists who have persistently antagonized the party
organization here and elsewhere and whose verdict would be sure to be
adverse, whatever the facts.

By those who, under like circumstances, would have done exactly
what the men in Europe are doing.

By syndicalists and so-called "direct actionists" who declare that
parliamentarism is at fault, in the face of the fact that their European
comrades of like faith are fighting quite as resolutely as are all of the
others in the ranks.

By those fomenters of anti-Socialist feeling to whom any charge
against the Socialists is good and serviceable so long as it supplies the
moment's need.

And lastly by those idle-brained persons who do no thinking for
themselves but who merely shout what they are told to shout.

Surely in all recorded history there has been no such universal out-
burst of hypocrisy as now vents itself against the Socialist party.

NOT A VAIN REPETITION

By JOSHUA WANHOPE

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By those who shout for Old Glory but who denounce the nationalism
of other men.

BY THOSE WHO themselves nurse the pride and prejudice of race
feeling but who censure it in men of other races.

By so-called Socialists who have persistently antagonized the party
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find that party all-powerful in its ability to prevent the use of arms.

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Address all correspondence to The
National Executive Committee, to determine
the most effective method of reaching
members and friends of the Socialist Party.

NATIONAL REFERENDUM

WHEREAS, it is deemed advisable that
the Socialist Party of the United States
should run its own headquarters, and it is
advisable in such event to take into
consideration the cost of insurance, fire
and hazard, and believing that the loca-
tion of our National Office at Oswego, N.Y.,
is not the best location for our headquarters,
but that our railroad facilities as well adapted, centrally
located in the United States in Eastern
Kansas or Western Missouri, which is the
region of the country where we expect
to be the best interest of the cause and
party, and would enable our workers to
use their homes adjoining the office and
spare the members the expense of insurance
and moral risk of large cities;
We therefore earnestly move a refer-
endum to the membership on the right of
the National Committee to determine the
best interest of the party; and that the Na-
tional Committee do not locate the Na-
tional Office and properties in Oswego,
N.Y., but in some other location, and
by a majority vote of the members
of determining the will of the mem-
bers of the United States in the matter
we submit this resolution as a motion and
referendum for referendum to the mem-
bers of the party.

The motion is good standing.
Submitted for seconding Jan. 23, 1915.

MOTION TO REFERENDUM.

Received Since Last Session.

BY LOCAL NEW YORK, MINN.: (first published Jan. 23, 1915) Seconded by Wm. D. Verner, N. Dak.

BY DAY CITY, MICH.: (first published Dec. 12, 1914) Seconded by Everett S. Ward.

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Bethel, N.Y., Omaha, Neb., Marion

Conn., etc.

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BY LOCAL NEW BEDFORD, MASS.: (first published Jan. 23, 1915) Seconded by local Roberts Co., N. Dak.

Chicago, Jan. 23, 1915.

NATIONAL COMMITTEE BUSINESS.

Reading By Executive Secretary.
A motion was made by a member of
the Executive Committee that the
same be ruled out of order on the
ground that it is proposed to amend
the motion. The motion is an affirmative.

The motion of the Women's Na-
tional Committee be and hereby author-
ized to attend the annual National Com-
mittee meeting in Washington, D.C., and
that the ground floor be reserved for
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NATIONAL COMMITTEE MOTION.
By Democrat and Comed of New Jersey.
That report of officers, committee-
es, etc., be read and approved. Motion to
annual meeting of the National Committee
shall be printed serially in four issues of
The American Socialist immediately pre-
ceding the said meeting of the National
Committee.

MOTION BY REED OF TEXAS.

That the \$500 raised by the Committee
of the National Committee be given to the
Party in the South, the \$500 raised by the
Committee of the National Committee be given
to the general fund, be restored to the
Women's National Committee.

I make this motion in the hope that it
is not "Affirmative". Motion to restore to
the Women's National Committee the \$500
raised by the Committee of the National
Committee and the \$500 raised by the
Committee of the National Committee, etc., etc.,
be ruled out of order. The women
will have to appear in a high place
to present the facts about the whole
process of permanent committees. What my
vote is.

MOTION BY REED OF TEXAS.

The following motion has been ruled out
of order as proposing affirmative action:
That the father of The American So-
cialist be honored with the right of
affirmative action in the National Com-
mittee.

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**THIS COLUMN RECORDS
THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF
OUR SUB HUSTLERS
FROM WEEK TO WEEK**

Last week	46,150
Off	1,553
On	46,706
Off	1,550
Total	48,251
Gains	302

Here is good news for the hustlers. The party paper is no longer a burden on the party.

What we have promised you in the first issue has come to pass. The auditor's report which has just been completed shows that for the past six months, the paper has not only paid for itself but has made a small surplus. Of course, the surplus is small, only \$60, so we will have to step mighty easy as to not to run in the hole the next six months, but if the comrades continue in boost, a six page paper will soon be in sight. We will be able to put all the official matter on a two page insert and give you four pages of clean eat propaganda. This will make *The American Socialist* more valuable than ever.

The American Socialist Bureau is also prospering and every day we receive a flood of subscriptions through the lecture bureaus, Walker, Amarillo and Seidel are making good wherever they go and there is no reason why the bureaus cannot continue in continual operation. This, along with THE BOOSTER CLUB ought to assure us of a great rise in circulation.

ROLL OF HONOR

Water Thomas Miller, Berkeley, Cal., sends us 41 names.

Andrew A. Hill, Little Rock, Ark., is doing a great job in the organization of his constituency. He sends us a check and adds that a bundle of 80 American Revolutionaries are sent to the weekly. That's the best news we've had.

"It's the best of all the papers that I read," says C. H. Borden, Spring Valley, Minn.

Raymond Lawler, Muncie, Ind., joins our army of hustlers and sends in 10 names.

Harry Englin, Winfield, La., sends in a list of 19.

"Times are hard here and to cent cards sell better than 25 cent cards," says Edward T. Johnson, who has sold a dozen cards and is feeling right at home.

M. L. Laramore, Elizabeth, N. J., sends a supply of 100 cards and is especially anxious to get the word out.

John W. Smith, in the ring for the new term.

York, Pa., is represented by 11 names sent in by Edw. H. Neppel.

C. W. Stiles, Ossian, Ohio, wishes to have 100 cards. He thinks it is a good time to let some of his neighbors read it. He is trying to get the local interested through the local Socialists.

A dozen names from Joe Jameson, Montevideo, Ark., and we are taking for next week.

H. T. Miller, Laurel, Wash., sends that 10 names he got on the last.

"We just stop and read your good paper for a few days and then I'll extend my subscription when it runs out and also those of our local clubs. I can get them again. I have a lot of work to do, but I am sure you know what I mean."

Frank S. Smith, in the ring for the new term.

John W. Smith and T. F. Willis, Clarinda, Iowa.

SAYS THE AMERICAN SOCIALIST WILL DO THE WORK

"As I am in favor of this great movement and have cast my vote in its favor, why, since Cleveland's defeat and the election of Wilson, I have put my hands on, also try to help the good cause along and lend it to the people. Those who don't know about this move, I hope you will find the names of ten persons to whom I wish you to forward. The American Socialist for the work. **THEY IT WILL DO THE WORK**" D. C. Sykes, Indianapolis, Indiana.

SOME FRIENDS send me a three month's subscription to *The American Socialist*, and I want to thank them for their support. It is a great paper and I have enjoyed it for a year and a half. I certainly PRIDE THIS PUBLICATION. It is the best paper in the Socialist movement. J. W. Fagan, Webster Springs, Tenn.

THE BOOSTER CLUB

A. W. Ward, Waukegan, Ill., is ready to sign our BOOSTER PLEDGE. He wants the LIBRARY OF CLASSICS. His first name is John and he has signed for two names and three sub-heads.

A. N. Nutting, Brockton, Mass., applied for membership in our BOOSTER CLUB. His first name is John and he has signed for two names and three sub-heads.

Louis Bernier, Chicago, Ill., wrote in an application for his card and said, "The Comrades are doing a great work and are ready to back me for The American Socialists."

If you have not yet yet signed the APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP in THE AMERICAN SOCIALIST BOOSTER CLUB, now is the time for the party to have a new member. The American Socialists and sign up at once.

SEIDEL TELLS STORY OF HIS RECORD TOUR

ARTICLE IV

By ROBERT HUNTER

BEINGIN the New Year in a socialist agitator by the name of Emil Seidel, I spent the greater part of the time at stations and on trains, stealing a wisp of sleep here and there. I arrived at my first date Jan. 3, in Nokomis, Minn.

Nokomis is chiefly a miner's city.

The socialist local is not quite young. In spite of this the comrades have shown that they can arrange for and pull off successful meetings.

Complaint of Depression.

After the meeting several of the comrades remained together until midnight to see me off for my next date, Moline, Ill. At Nokomis I heard the first complaint about the effect of the depression on the movement and the cause.

Even where through organization as with the miners, the wages have been kept up, the loss of time is so heavy that annual wages have fallen far below the standard of a living wage. Innumerable are the instances where this shortage amounts to several hundred dollars a year. This same story is repeated in variations in every place that I have thus far visited.

At Rock Island we had the best meeting of the trip thus far.

A feature of the meeting here was that several students of a Rock Island Institute attended with the express purpose of plying the speaker with questions. But the questions were not asked, and should not have known of it had not some of the students themselves told me of it later.

He is Admitted Free.

It was after the day's work that I was with a Davenport comrade, I went to a Rock Island restaurant to get my supper. We were busy discussing social problems and took no notice of several young people present. Soon two young men came to our table and after introducing themselves told us all about it. One of the young men had a strong leaning towards Socialism and naturally talked it to the rest. One of them argued: "If the Socialists have as good a thing as we have, why then do they charge for it instead of running their meetings free?" I responded: "The student wife socialist inclinations -- tell you how to rent them if you will go there and tell them that you haven't the price, nor will like to take the speaker, you will be admitted free." The speaker was taken and one of our little friend won it. Not only did the skeptic lose his last dollar, but he also forgot all about his question because of the impetuosity of the American meeting which takes place a week or so later.

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THE LABOR PRESS

By ROBERT HUNTER

ERIDES their unions and parties the people must have newspapers. Without newspapers their battle is lost. A newspaper is the most fundamental and the most powerful of all their instruments.

Without newspapers they cannot know the truth, and, because of ignorance, they can be led to slaughter as sheep are led.

Many of us today see the importance of powerful unions and of a really democratic party, owned, controlled, and financed by the people, up to that government may know response to be.

"All of us see the importance of public libraries.

But how few of us see the necessity of a people's press — one owned, controlled, and financed by Labor?

Yet, without this thing, our battle is lost. What can a people do without knowledge? How can the blind fight?

A NATION THAT takes its news from the mounting house, from the very enemies of liberty and justice and democracy, will not long keep in its hands the institutions of liberty, justice and democracy.

It is more dangerous to have our sources of knowledge corrupted than to have our ballot corrupted. It is more contemptible to starve for lack of truth than to starve for lack of bread. Where is there a greater menace to all that mankind holds dear than that our minds should be filled with lies so that we know not what to do?

Many things may be polluted without bringing us to ruin, but the sources of information, of knowledge, cannot be permanently polluted without bringing us to ruin.

We must have newspapers — newspapers unlike other newspapers, which must have their columns with murder stories, police court scandals, society's lowdowns and the thousand and one other things which now fill the columns of our modern police gazettes.

We must have newspapers that are not financed by the trusts, the moneyed men, the public service corporations and other great thieves whose hands are in our pockets.

SOME THINGS MAY be doubtful, but this is not doubtful. Democracy has passed forever from us unless we can have knowledge.

We may have anarchy, we may have madness and ruin, we may have blood-red revolution, but democracy we cannot have until this one thing is done.

We are as children in the hands of giants; we are as brutes in the hands of savages and skilled trainers, until we have fought and won this battle of the press.

"If the blind lead the blind both fall into the ditch, and 'In the land of blind the one-eyed is king.'

You know these ancient sayings, and what other are we if we lack the means of knowing the truth about politics, strikes, industry and social evolution, of knowing right from wrong, of knowing our friends from the knaves in this our day now had here.

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With a much more strengthened and tempered resolve, my talk being entirely in the naturally belligerent vein of the old "I'm a mite from the mountains, I'm a mite from the plains" speech, I made my stand.

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